

Washington State Energy Strategy Update/ 2003 Biennial Energy Report

Proposed Revised Guiding Principles (8/27/02)

I. New Resources: In meeting future energy needs, Washington should:

1. Encourage all load serving entities to adopt integrated resource plans which assure their ratepayers will have adequate resources to meet projected long term energy and capacity needs through a balanced portfolio of cost-effective conservation, renewables ((e.g., wind, geothermal, hydro, biomass, and solar technologies), and conventional resources such as high efficiency natural gas combustion turbines and combined heat and power systems.
2. Encourage the development of new resources by moderating market and capital risk through clear up front regulations and standards which encourage the construction of resources that provide abundant power at reasonable cost while protecting the public interest and the environment.

II Markets and Economy: Washington should enhance its cost-based electricity system by:

1. Creating opportunities for market forces to produce competition and lower prices through policies that provide clear, enforceable rules for all market participants.
2. Reaffirming the “obligation to serve” for utilities as the foundation for a well functioning wholesale electricity markets
3. Promoting and encouraging industries that will make Washington State a leader in **[clean]** energy technologies.

III. Methods: In developing energy policy, Washington policy makers should:

1. *Educate domestic and rural consumers and businesses to the importance of their serving utilities timely acquiring adequate resources to meet projected long term energy and capacity needs, and the potential consequences to the State’s economy and environment if this does not occur;*
2. *Use data and analysis based on sound scientific and economic principles to inform energy policy.*
- ~~2.3.~~ Respond creatively and prospectively to technological, political, social, and environmental changes affecting the use and supply of energy.
- ~~3.4.~~ Evaluate all electricity policies by how well they improve the safety, security and reliability of the system.

IV. Values underlying electricity policy: Washington should

1. Continue to foster mutually beneficial relationships with, ~~nearby S~~states, *the Federal government*, and provinces to help accomplish common energy goals.
2. Maintain programs that ensure that all citizens, including those on limited incomes, have access to affordable electricity and natural gas.
3. Lead by example with energy efficiency in state and local government operations.

4. Provide opportunity for participation by the state's citizens in the Strategy and provide information and education to enhance understanding.